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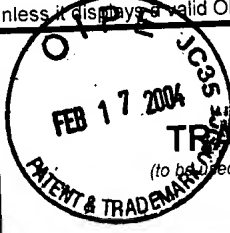
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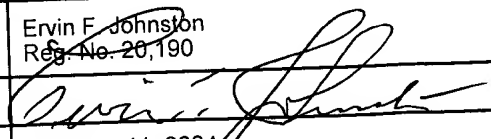
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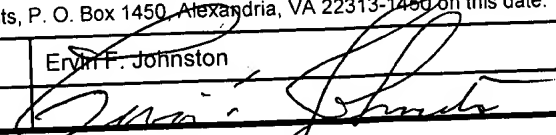
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**SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT**

As required by an Office Communication dated 01/15/2004 this "Substitute Amendment" corrects the presentation of claims and is to be substituted for the previous "Amendment" mailed 11/25/2003.

This "Substitute Amendment" responds to the Office Action mailed 10/22/2003.